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1. There has been definite influence of the Soviets on the work of the East German Zentralamt für Forschung und Technik (Central Office for Research and Technology). Each year after ZAPT completes the first version of the total Research and Development Plan for the following plan year, a copy of this version is forwarded to the Soviet authorities in Karlshorst. The Soviets thus have an opportunity to order changes in the plan before it becomes definite. Such changes concern those parts of the plan which according to the Soviet wishes are to be reconceived both in respect to the research to be carried out and to the funds provided for them. In most cases the Soviet changes have concerned only certain specific themes. It has happened, however, on occasion, that the entire plan had to be changed upon Soviet orders. In 1951, for instance, the Soviets struck a relatively large number of research and development projects in the field of light industry, biology, food industry, and to a degree in the chemical industry, and struck them from the plan and replaced by projects in the field of heavy industry and construction. A similar change took place in the opposite direction after 17 June 1953, when the Soviets exerted influence on East German research projects in the field of heavy industry which were already underway, discontinued and replaced by projects in the field of light industry.

2. During the [redacted] of ZAPT, Soviet control [redacted] was very tight. The Karlshorst authorities forwarded lists to ZAPT in which they indicated their interest in certain research projects and in certain fields of research and [redacted]. ZAPT was obliged to inform Karlshorst about every research and development project in the ZAPT Research and Development Plan which seemed to correspond to the list mentioned. The Soviets then required ZAPT to give detailed information on all projects of interest to them. This information included the personnel engaged in the research or development, results obtained up to far, plans for further development, and funds spent so far and to be spent in the future. In a number of cases it happened that the Soviet authorities held meetings at which detailed oral reports were given about the status of certain projects. Such a meeting was attended by the scientific supervisor of the project, representatives of the organizational unit (ministry, academy, etc.) responsible for the project,

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the scientific ZAFT supervisor of the project, representatives of the Soviets and their interpreters. As a rule the scientific supervisor of the project was requested to present a detailed summary about the purpose and the carrying out of the project and about the status of similar projects in West Germany. [redacted] series [redacted] [redacted] to summarize in detail [redacted] series [redacted] and the project, including all results [redacted]. [redacted] ZAFT [redacted] of the project had to present his views on its scientific or technical importance. Thereafter, a representative [redacted] speak about the possibility [redacted] of putting the completed project into production [redacted] materials needed and available for it. These summaries were then often discussed in detail. The proceedings [redacted] col which was prepared by ZAFT and [redacted] Soviet authorities. [redacted] After the [redacted] to the [redacted] about further dispositions of [the project] by the [redacted]. However, it became known in rare cases that a project thus brought [redacted] of the Soviets was forwarded to the USSR or was taken over by an SAG enterprise.

3. In addition to those projects in which the Soviets expressed a particular interest and which were brought to their knowledge in the way described above, ZAFT was obliged to give periodic progress reports on all projects in the ZAFT Research and Development Plan to the Soviets. During the period from the foundation of ZAFT to the summer of 1952, these progress reports were to be transmitted to Karlshorst every month. In later times, only quarterly and half-yearly reports were to be forwarded to the them.
4. From 1953 on, Soviet officials who were believed to be stationed in Karlshorst frequently visited scientific experts of ZAFT and discussed with them the projects for which they were responsible. [redacted] of them was Postnikov (fnu). Identification of these Soviet officials was very difficult since only in rare cases did the same official appear several times. It was generally believed among ZAFT personnel that the Soviet responsible for liaison with ZAFT was Makayeyev (fnu). The following is his description:

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It [redacted] believed that this man has never come in person to ZAFT but he was seen by ZAFT staff members [redacted] meeting which he, Prof. [redacted] Werner Lange, head of ZAFT, and some ZAFT staff members attended and at which Makayeyev [redacted] the general outlines of Soviet wishes concerning research and development in East Germany. It was Makayeyev, for instance, who informed ZAFT after 17 June 1953 about Soviet desires concerning the conversion of research and development, putting the emphasis on light industry projects. It is known that Prof. Werner Lange has frequently gone to Karlshorst and conferred with Soviet officials, and, among them, Makayeyev.

5. Research and development projects carried out in the Soviet-run SAG's until 31 December 1953 were not subject to ZAFT control. The SAG's had their own research and development plan and ZAFT had no knowledge of it [redacted] influence [redacted] it. It happened for the first time in November 1953, when the conversion of the SAG's into German property was prepared, that ZAFT was informed [redacted] SAG research and development projects so that it would be able to coordinate them with German ones. [redacted] that the SAG research and development plan was established by the Soviets without [redacted] of the possible future return of these enterprises to German administration.

6. The Soviet influence on ZAFT activities also extended to the [redacted] of the Control Figure (i.e. the planned total funds allowed) for the Research and Development Plan. Before this figure was definitively determined by ZAFT, Prof. Lange [redacted] to the Soviets to [redacted] their approval [redacted]

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